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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants' undersigned representative appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner in charge of the present application during several telephonic interviews. The above set of claims is based on a review of the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 as well as conversations during the telephonic interviews with the Examiner in charge of the application.

In the Office Action, claims 22 to 26 and 28 were allowed; claims 2, 6, 11, 12, 14, 18, and 35 were objected to; and claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, 19, 20, 30 to 34, 36, and 37 were rejected. In a subsequent telephone conference with the Examiner in charge of the application on September 24, 2003, it was indicated that claims 4, 20 and 37 should have been objected to and not rejected.

With the present amendment, claims 1 to 4, 18 to 20, 22, 30, 32, 33, and 35 to 37 have been amended and claims 7, 10, 13, 15, 17, 21, 27, and 29 have been canceled.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 8, 17, 19, 20, 33, 34, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Ishizuka and claims 3, 4, 9, 16, 20, 30, 32, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ishizuka.

In view of the above amendments, applicants' claims are now patentable over the prior art of record. Withdrawal of the rejections of record is requested.

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